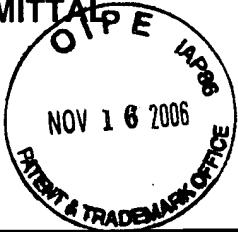


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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Application Number: 09/976,885	Confirmation Number: 2176
Filing Date: October 10, 2001	
First Named Inventor: BUSH, William R.	
Group Art Unit: 2135	
Examiner: DADA, Beemnet W.	
Attorney Docket Number: 6502.0357-00	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment.

- a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the arguments in the Amendment After Final previously filed on September 25, 2006.
 - ii. Other _____
- b. DO NOT ENTER the amendment(s) previously filed on _____. An alternate submission is attached.
- c. Enclosed submission: .
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. Other _____

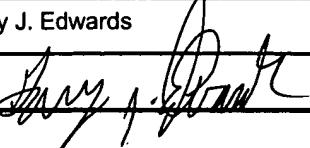
3. Fees

- a. The filing fee is calculated as follows:
 - i. \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 11/20/2006 MBIZUNES 00000053 060916 09976845
 - ii. Petition for extension of time for (1 Month) \$120.00 01 FC:1801 790.00 DA
 - iii. Other _____
- b. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$910.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
- c. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

Name: Gary J. Edwards

Reg. No.: 41,008

Signature: 

Date: November 16, 2006

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